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Schools, Libraries, State  
Educational Institutions.

**House File 554**  
By KUESTER, McFARLANE,  
MILLER of Shelby.

Passed House, Date .....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Passed Senate, Date .....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Approved .....

**A BILL FOR**

An Act to promote education of Christianity in schools.

WHEREAS, the fundamental principles of education are build-  
ing character and good citizenship, and

WHEREAS, a good Christian is always a good citizen, and

WHEREAS, a serious and critical condition has been created  
by Communistic philosophy for the purpose to destroy  
civilization and Christianity, and

WHEREAS, it is of the gravest necessity that all groups of  
Society without exception unite for the sole purpose to  
fight the unscrupulous and powerful foe, and

WHEREAS, if we are to maintain the American freedom every  
true American values so highly, we must have a weapon more  
powerful than bombs, bullets or cannon. We must fight  
Communism with Christianity, and

WHEREAS, we must realize that if democracy wins we will have  
lasting peace, if Communism wins we will have the most  
terrible nightmare of misery that mankind has ever seen.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

- 1 Section 1. That teachers in all schools of our state under
- 2 rules to be prescribed by the Department of Public Instruction
- 3 may teach the philosophy of Christianity, that they may say the
- 4 Lord’s prayer, that they may read and discuss the Bible as it is
- 5 recorded in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, that they may
- 6 read and discuss Holy Scripture, and that they may discuss and
- 7 explain the Ten Commandments.